

Local History Collection  
 South Pasadena Public Library  
 South Pasadena, California

**Jane Apostol Archive**

Name: **Jane Apostol** **MC0003**

Materials: Bound Book, Correspondence, Ephemera, Manuscript,  
 Photographs

Dates: 1963-2016

Volume: 0.372 cubic feet (1 standard document box)

Donation: N/A

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 are open for research without restrictions.

**Biographical Note**

Jane Apostol was born Jane Clark Thornton Crisfield, Maryland on March 14, 1922. Apostol was raised in Baltimore, Maryland and graduated from Goucher College in 1941. During World War II she served with the WAVES (Women Accepted for Voluntary Emergency Service), as part of the U.S. Navy's cryptographic operation ULTRA in Washington, D.C. The Adlai Stevenson presidential campaign in 1956 brought her together with Tom Apostol, a highly accomplished mathematician, and they were married in 1959. Jane did most of her writing at home in Altadena until 1997 when the Apostols moved to Pasadena, nearer to Caltech where Tom worked, and the Huntington Library where Jane volunteered and did much of her independent research. Jane fully embraced Tom's Greek heritage, celebrating its culture and learning to speak and write Modern Greek.

Jane Apostol was one of California's most respected historians for many decades and along the way she published many historical articles on subjects from around the Golden State, while most center on the Los Angeles and Pasadena areas. Jane Apostol published 33 research articles between 1974 and 2008 in publications ranging from The Book Club of California, The Historical Society of California, and The Pacific Historian, among others.

Jane's first book was South Pasadena: A Centennial History 1888-1988 in 1987. It was the first book-length history of the city and still remains unrivaled for its level of research and ability to engage a broad

readership. The first edition, with an Introduction by UCLA Library Director and author of great acclaim, Lawrence Clark Powell and designed by internationally known book designer Ward Ritchie --both of whom grew up in South Pasadena--is now a collector's item. Even with its authoritativeness, the book is a compelling, enjoyable read and neatly pulled together the unique history of South Pasadena for the first time. The award-winning coffee table book, catapulted Jane on a writing career that includes 14 more titles including *Painting with Light: A Centennial History of the Judson Studio*, *Museums Along the Arroyo*, and *Vroman's of Pasadena: A Century of Books*.

Jane was also a member of the Zamorano Club, a Southern California organization of bibliophiles and manuscript collectors. Jane was preceded in death by her sister, Virginia Smith, and she is survived by her brother, Reese Thornton of Sebastapol, her son, Stephen H. Goddard of Lawrence, Kansas; grandchildren Erica Goddard of Portland, Oregon; Emily Goddard Snow and Caitlin Goddard, both of Lawrence, Kansas and great-grandchildren Noah and Hannah Snow, both also of Lawrence, Kansas. The family suggests Memorial tributes in support of the Spencer Museum of Art, University of Kansas or the Huntington Library in San Marino.

Beloved husband Tom Apostol, who passed away in May 2016, was born in Helper, Utah on August 20, 1923 and in 1948 was accorded PhD in mathematics from the University of California, Berkeley. In 1950 Tom arrived at Caltech and in 1956 was named an associate professor, a professor in 1962, and a professor emeritus in 1992. Tom was the author of many highly regarded math textbooks that were translated into many other languages. He was a visiting scholar at the University of Patras for four months in 1978. One of Jane's books, *Patras Diary*, was written about their stay in Greece. Jane passed away in August 2016.

### **Collection Description**

The Jane Apostol Archive contains items that have been collected by the South Pasadena Public Library in remembrance of Mrs. Apostol, one of South Pasadena's most prominent historians. This collection includes a copy of "South Pasadena: A Centennial History" by Jane Apostol, the most comprehensive history of South Pasadena currently available. Additionally, the collection includes photographs, published articles by Jane Apostol, personal correspondence, manuscript written by Jane Apostol, and cross-references to other archival holdings related to the work of Jane Apostol.

### **Series and Subseries**

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| <b>I. Bound Book</b>  | <b>1 volume</b> |
| One copy of "South Pasadena: A Centennial History" by Jane Apostol. Published 2008. |                 |

- II. Photographs** **1 folder**  
Reprinted photographs of Jane Apostol. No date or captions are provided.
- III. Publications** **2 folders**  
Published historical writings of Jane Apostol. Dated from 1976 to 1992.
- IV. Correspondence** **1 folder**  
Correspondence regarding Horatio Nelson Rust and Jane Apostol's historical research and writing. Dated from 1977 to 1995.
- V. Promotional Materials** **1 folder**  
Promotional Materials for the release and re-release of "South Pasadena: A Centennial History" by Jane Apostol. Dated from 1986-2008.
- VI. Manuscript** **1 folder**  
Personal notes taken by Jane Apostol and a brief South Pasadena history written for the Jubilee Celebration.
- VII. Cross-Reference** **1 folder**  
Print-out documents with cross-references to archival holdings outside of the South Pasadena Public Library Collection.

**Container List**  
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**I. Bound Book, [2008]**

<u>Location</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Dates</u>
MC0003 01	South Pasadena: A Centennial History	2008

**II. Photographs, [n.d.]**

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Dates</u>
01	1	Photograph	n.d.
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**III. Publications, [1976-2008]**

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Dates</u>
01	2	They Said It With Flowers	1980
01	2	Historical Society of Southern California	1991
01	2	Don Mateo Keller	n.d.
01	2	Los Angeles Saturday Night and Sam T. Clover	n.d.
01	2	District Attorney Thomas Lee Woolwine	n.d.
01	2	Southern California Through the Lens of Charles Francis Saunders	n.d.
01	3	Mary Emily Foy	n.d.
01	3	An Army Bride Goes West	1990
01	3	Oregon Historical Quarterly	1992
01	3	Will Bradley	1976
01	3	California History Magazine	1979
01	3	The Pacific Historian	1982
01	3	The Pacific Historian	1983
01	3	The Pacific Historian	1984
01	3	Kentucky Historical Society	1981
01	3	Margaret Collier Graham	1981
01	3	Pacific Northwest Quarterly	1981
01	3	Horatio Nelson Rust	n.d.
01	3	California History Magazine	2008
01	3	Pacific Northwest Quarterly	1983
01	3	Book Club of California	2003
01	8	Southern California Quarterly	1996
01	8	"The Fickel Goddess Evades Me"	n.d.

01	8	Argonauts with a New York Accent	1993
01	8	Rendezous in Stockton	1982
01	8	Hortulus Aliquando	1977
01	8	The American West	1978

**IV. Correspondence, [1977-1995]**

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Dates</u>
01	4	Correspondence	1977
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01	4	Correspondence	1986
01	4	Correspondence	1986
01	4	Correspondence	1987
01	4	Correspondence	1995
01	4	Correspondence	n.d.
01	4	Correspondence	n.d.
01	4	Abbot Suger and Saint-Denis	1986

**V. Promotional Materials, [1986-2008]**

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Dates</u>
01	5	Mail-In Order Form	1986
01	5	Newsletter	1987
01	5	Bookplate	1987
01	5	Bookmark	1987
01	5	Mail-In Order Form	2008
01	5	Advertisement	n.d.
01	5	Order Form	n.d.
01	5	Order Form	n.d.

**VI. Manuscript, [1963]**

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Dates</u>
01	6	Jubilee Celebration	1963
01	6	Manuscript	n.d.
01	6	Manuscript	n.d.

**VII. Cross-Reference, [2009-2016]**

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Dates</u>
01	7	The Clinker Press	2009
01	7	Archives of American Art	2013

01	7	WorldCat Identities	2016
01	7	San Gabriel Valley Tribune	2016
01	7	Tom M. Apostol	2016
01	7	Bibliography	n.d.
01	7	Biblio-Cal Notes	1982

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